

to the profits arising therefrom, as an encouragement to men. to pursue ideas which may produce utility, but this may or may not be done, according to the will and convenience of the society, without claim or complaint from anybody. Accordingly, it is a fact, as far as I am informed, that England was, until we copied her, the only country on earth which ever, by a general law, gave a legal right to> the exclusive use of an idea. In some other countries it is sometimes done, in a great case, and by a special and personal act, but generally speaking, other nations have thought that these monopolies produce more embarrassment than advantage to> society; and it may be observed that the nations which refuse monopolies of invention are as fruitful as England in new and useful devices. (To Isaac McPherson, 1813. C. VL, 180.)

JACOBINS.—The society of Jacobins, in another country, was instituted on principles and views as virtuous as ever kindled the hearts of patriots. It was the pure patriotism of their purposes which extended their association to the limits of the nation, and rendered their power within it boundless; and it was this power which degenerated their principles and practices to such enormities as never before could have been imagined. (To Jedidiah Morse, 1822. C. VIL, 235.)

JAY'S TREATY.—The most remarkable political occurrence with us has been the treaty with England, of which no man in the United States has had the affrontery to affirm that it was not a very bad one except A. Hamilton, under the signature of Camillus. Its most zealous defenders only pretended that it was better than war, as if war was not invited rather than avoided by unfounded demands. I have never known the public pulse beat so full and in such universal union on any subject since the Declaration of Independence. (To James Monroe, 1795. F. VIL, 58.)

JAY'S TREATY.—Mr. Jay's treaty has at length been made public. So general a burst of dissatisfaction never before appeared against any transaction. Those who understand the particular articles of it condemn those articles. Those who do not understand them minutely condemn it generally as wearing